should look. Rather than produce typical line drawings and add color to them, he decided to pencil the pages and use a variety of dyes, inks and paints to complete the art, giving it a unique appearance. Helfer had Garcia-Lopez try his hand at the game on a visit to the DC offices in Manhattan. Armed with some experience and detailed diagrams from Maggin, the artist then set about designing a new universe. Those who have seen the completed work admit it is some of the most dynamic comic art around.

Original plans called for Star Raiders to be one of several stories in an Atari comic, but when the decision thing is resolved, Helfer says, although there is always room for a return visit to the series if sales warrant the move.

"What we attempted to do is give an identity to the pieces that are shown in the game," Helfer reports. "We introduced crews aboard the space ships and gave everyone a common evil to fight. It works as the next step of the game play and it works as an exciting comic story."

DC has not announced further plans regarding other Atari-related material, although the *Atari Force* will be receiving its own monthly newsstand comic in September. —*Robert Greenberger*

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